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RE: R> J Corman Railroad Co reactivation of abandoned railbed between Wallaceton and Gorton Centre County, PA

MS Rutson:

I am writing this letter to encourage you and the Surface Transportation Board to require an Environmental Impact Statement before reactivation the railroad railbed between Wallaceton and Gorton, PA.

This railbed has been unused for over twenty years. In this time frame many houses adjacent to the railbed have been remodeled, improved and added on too. Many more new homes have been constructed. Some very nice homes. Theses people should not be forced to live with noisy smelly diesel emissions. Not to mention the odor of fifty or more train car loads of trash a day.

Landfills as we know them in the past are obsolete. We can no longer take our trash to a remote rural spot and just dump it. Those days are gone,. Modern energy from waste facilities are a far cry from the trash incinerators of years ago.

Convanta Energy operates energy from waste facilities (see their website)

10 miles from Lancaster, PA  
0 miles from Harrisburg, PA  
1 mile from Philadelphia, PA

Why haul trash long distances to dispose of it if the trash to energy facilities exist near the point of trash creations? These facilities are constantly being upgraded to meet more stringent emission requirements.

Ms Rutson, this, I believe is our best waste solution at this time. Please do what you can to prevent Central, PA from becoming a vast dumping area.

Sincerely,

  
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